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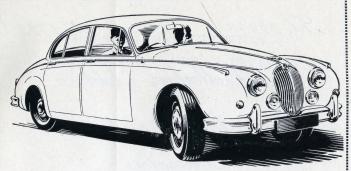
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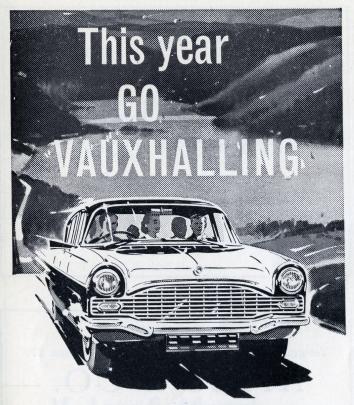
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A VISIT to the Bedale country leaves an impression of stability and tradition, of a united sporting community with a local—almost parochial pride in their Hunt, and joining in a common effort to keep it going. The reason being, I think, that, even though some mansions and estates have inevitably changed hands, the old families of the North Riding are still in evidence, determined to carry on the traditions of their forebears.

The Bedale is just the sort of country where local tradition is likely to be fostered. It is by no means Leicestershire. Parts of it are a bit trappy, though fair enough for a horse that knows his job. Some of the high ground may not always carry a scent, but there are some beautiful bits of vale where the soil is rich—as is testified by its beef rearing record—while over the moors hounds can usually race. It is essentially a "Hound" country, and some beautiful packs have been bred in the Bedale kennel.

It is over a hundred-and-forty years ago since Lord Darlington founded the Hunt Club at the Swan in Bedale, the country at that time being part of this vast Raby Hunt. His Lordship had local kennels at Newton House, which was used as a hunting box, so that, when eventually he handed over the Bedale to his son-in-law, Mark Milbank, the latter came into

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what was practically a ready made country. Himself a large landowner, and an out-and-out sportsman, Mr. Milbank, during his twenty-four seasons, had a host of local supporters of the same calibre.

Mr. Milbank eventually sold his hounds, and then came the first Lord Feversham, who bred up a beautiful pack which eventually became the foundation of the Bedale kennel. The "Bedale ladies" the *Druid* tells us, "were fast enough for any country"—referring, of course to the bitch pack, not the female members of Lord Feversham's field.

Then came J. B. Booth, one of the great names in Yorkshire sport and farming. It was, I believe, the Maynards and the Booths who first established the shorthorns as a breed. In the hands of Mr. Booth, the Bedale hounds, we are told, became the "nippiest pack in Yorkshire". He also did a lot to put the country to rights by planting gorse coverts, of which there had previously been a lack. Ill health compelled Mr. Booth's resignation after eleven seasons, and he died shortly afterwards.

Major H. F. Dent then had his first term of office, for six seasons, to 1884, followed by Mr. G. W. Elliot, the local Member of Parliament. And in 1886, Captain Wilson-Todd commenced his eight seasons Mastership, with Fred Holland

as huntsman.

In 1898, the tenth Duke of Leeds, probably the biggest landowner in the country, took the hounds, taking over a fine pack, and one of the most sporting countries in England, where all wire was removed by the farmers themselves during the season. The Duke, an all round sportsman, fond of racing and coursing, and a great hunting man, took full advantage of his opportunities, and had every assistance from Mr. Richard

Booth, who was Hunt Secretary.

In 1904, Mr. John Moubray, son-in-law of Mr. William Booth, began his eighteen seasons Mastership, which marks yet another notable epoch. It may, I think, be said without contradiction that under Mr. Moubray the breeding of the Bedale hounds reached its zenith, the chief sources of blood being Brocklesby, Warwickshire, and Lord Middleton's. It was Mr. Moubray who gave Frank Freeman, from the Cheshire, his first chance to hunt hounds. But Lord Annaly had also spotted him, and after two seasons Freeman went to the Pytchley, being succeeded by Peter Farrelly. Mr. Moubray had as Deputy Master Captain Frank Reynard. He was followed in the Secretaryship by Mr. Cecil Lupton. In 1906, the Bedale

Hunt Committee lent a tract of moorland country in the northwest corner to Mr. Conyers Scrope, who hunted it with his

own hounds for a season or two.

In 1920, Lady Masham, a fine horsewoman and universally popular, took the hounds, this promising Mastership being cut short four seasons later by her sudden death in 1924. Brigadier-General W. H. L. Allgood and Mr. Mallinson then came to the rescue as Acting Masters. It was not long, however, before Major William Burdon, came forward to take the Mastership, and again there was another long and settled regime, and

some wonderful sport.

Major Burden hunted hounds himself, with Sam Kilbourn, from the North Northumberland, as first whipper-in and kennel huntsman. Kilbourn remained with the Bedale twenty seasons, and there was not better man at his job, either in field or kennel. Major Burdon brought with him some hounds of his own, from his father-in-law, Mr. John Straker of the Tynedale, and from the Morpeth. During his Mastership he bred consistently to these kennels, and to the Cleveland and Sinnington, representing the best hunting blood in the North of England at the time.

In 1932, Major Burdon was joined by his son-in-law, Mr. J. M. Barwick. In 1933, Mr. W. E. Burrill took over the country west of the Yore, and hunted it with his own hounds for four seasons. In 1934, Major Burdon brought his long and successful Mastership to an end, Mr. Barwick then carrying on single-handed till the outbreak of War, hunting hounds alternately with

Sam Kilbourn.

From 1943 to 1945 the Hunt was managed by a Syndicate, consisting of Mrs. Barwick (daughter of Major Burdon, and who is now Mrs. Webster) as Acting Master, Miss Moubray and Miss M. C. Moubray, Major Burdon, Lieut.-Colonel Tyson, Mr.

Hugh Barran, and Mr. W. L. Christie.

The Bedale farmers have played a prominent part in the affairs of the Hunt throughout its history, and today they remain its staunchest supporters. More and more farmers come out hunting every season, and since the War they have supplied most of the forage for the Hunt horses; nor are the kennels ever short of flesh.

In 1945, the late Captain Henry Farrer, who, with his wife, had been joint Masters of the Grove, took the Bedale Mastership. Captain Farrer was an out-and-out foxhunter, and a knowledge-

able hound breeder.

Captain Farrer hunted hounds himself. Sam Kilbourn now retired from Hunt service, and was presented with the freehold of his cottage at Great Ayton. Captain Farrer continued as Master and Huntsman of the Bedale till his tragic death in 1953,

when hunting the Northern Counties Otterhounds.

The Hunt were fortunate when Major Fife, himself a large landowner in the country, and a keen foxhunter, consented to become Acting Master for the Committee. Committee rule is usually regarded as a stop-gap, but in this case, with such local personalities behind it as Major-General W. E. Clutterbuck—who is Chairman of the Committee, Mrs. Farrer, Miss Moubray, and Mrs. Webster—to mention but a few, the country was run by a happy team, who understood its problems and worked together. Special mention, too, should be made of Lieut.-Colonel G. Hill-Walker, who for the past eleven seasons has acted as Hunt Secretary—and ideal one in every way. As regards the ever present burden of finance, which presses heavily on most Hunts these days, the Bedale has been fortunate in having generous guarantors in General Clutterbuck, Miss Moubray, and Major Fife.

Frank Ingram, who came as first whipper-in and kennel huntsman in 1950, was put on as huntsman in 1953, on the death of Captain Farrer, with George Land as whipper-in. Good sport

was shown for the following four seasons.

In 1957, Major Fife found himself unable to continue as Acting Master, everyone being grateful to him for all he had done for the Hunt during the past four seasons. The Hunt was fortunate, however, in securing Mr. Jeremy Graham as Master. His Mastership of the Bedale adds point to what we have already said, for not only are his family big landowners, but he himself is a descendant of the great Sir Bellingham Graham, one of the most famous Masters of Hounds in the early part of the nineteenth century, and one of the only two men ever to have hunted both the Quorn and the Pytchley. Incidentally the other was another Yorkshireman, George Osbaldeston.

Mr. Graham hunted hounds himself, and retained Frank Ingram as first whipper-in and kennel huntsman. Major J. N. Howie and Mr. J. E. Ramsden, M.P., joined Mr. Graham in the Mastership in 1960, Major Howie now hunting hounds, with

F. Ingram continuing to whip-in.

Mr. Graham retired at the end of the 1960-61 season and Captain J. C. Vaux has joined Major Howie and Mr. Ramsden in the Mastership.



The Bilsdale Hunt at Krayton Moor, April 1961. The Master, Mr. B. Driffield on the grey.

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In this wild and sporting country foxhunting has flourished almost from time immemorial. The name of the Duke of Buckingham is usually associated with this country during the seventeenth century, although in this respect the Sinnington has an equal claim. In any case the question of which is "the oldest Hunt in England" is somewhat academic.

Bilsdale itself is a long narrow vale that runs from Rievaulx Abbey on the east to Ingleby on the west. On the hillside are big woods stretching up to the moors. There is some good low

country round Upsall, near Thirsk.

The Bilsdale began in the early nineteenth century as a farmers' trencher-fed pack, and has been conducted on those lines, off and on, through the greater part of its history. Among the earlier Masters we find the names of Hunter Garbutt (1810), George Bell and Ned Barr, the latter doing a lot to improve the hounds. It was unfortunate for the country when this good sportsman had to give up owing to ill-health. Hunting thereafter seems to have been at rather a low ebb for a time, though the farmers kept the hounds on. In 1872, Mr. Nicholas Spink took over for sixteen seasons, followed by Mr. F. W. Horsfall, and Mr. R. Kitchin, and in 1891, Mr. R. Garbutt, son of the former Master, took over.

Harry Selby Lowndes took the Mastership in 1897, hounds were now kennelled—for the first time in their history—at

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In 1900, Harry Selby Lowndes began his thirty season Mastership of the East Kent, taking thither ten couple of his hounds.

What remained of the Bilsdale hounds were once again trencherfed in Bilsdale, and were hunted for a number of seasons by Tom Bentley, under the Mastership of Mr. Horsfall, and Mr. E. R. Turton. Under Mr. Hubert Dorington (1919-24) the "Selby Lowndes" standard was restored, hounds being kennelled at Knayton, and things run on orthodox lines. During the Committee period that followed there were eight couple of hounds kennelled at Raisdale Mill, Chop Gate, the huntsman being Mr. J. Garbutt. Major H. Sleigh had a couple of seasons Mastership, after which the Committee again took control, the mainspring of the Hunt being Mr. W. E. Ainsley, who acted both as Secretary and huntsman, and kennelled the hounds at the Spout House, Stokesley. Mr. J. W. Garbutt was amateur whipper-in. On the death of Mr. Ainsley in 1953, his son, Mr. Basil Ainsley took his father's place as Secretary and huntsman.

The duties of Hon Secretary have now been taken over by Mr. D. V. Sinclair, and Mr. Brian Driffield has now been appointed by the Committee, as Master. Mr. Driffield also kennels and hunts hounds, while P. Garbutt whips-in. The pack consists of about twelve couple, are light-coloured and of the

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Mr. Sinclair moves off with his hounds

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Hunting Days: Three days a week.

TO anyone who knows anything of the Cleveland the inevitable impression is that of a rough, sporting country inhabited by the most genuine band of sportsmen, to whom foxhunting is, and always has been part of the life of the countryside—foxhunting, that is, without any of the frills or pretence that one may occasionally sense elsewhere. "Band of sportsmen" is just the right phrase, in fact, and includes those who ride and those who follow hounds on foot—the latter being a most important body in the Cleveland country today. While the relation of the Cleveland farmers to the Cleveland Hunt has been summed up succinctly. "Today the farmers are the Hunt."

The country may be defined as lying east of a line from Stockton to Stainton and Seamer, thence a few miles to the west of Stokesly. The southern end of the country is occupied almost entirely by a wild stretch of moorland—Guisborough Moor, Danby Low Moor, Kildale, Basedale, Westerdale, part of Glaisdale, and Egton Low Moor. To the south of Guisborough lie the Cleveland Hills, and westward is the vale country, to Stainton, Seamer, and Stokesley—and very good vale it is. The remaining area can be described as grass and plough. The moorlands are entirely rideable, and carry a scent. The vale is on Cleveland clay, and can be very sticky.

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Trencher-fed packs were the rule then, and for more than a century after. Sir Alfred Pease tells us that there was a clause in the old leases on the Roxby estate obliging the tenant to keep a foxhound and "to hunt him till May Day", to keep down the

moorland foxes.

Which brings us to the old Roxby Hounds—two huntsmen going out each hunting morning to collect a pack from the various farms by dint of much horn blowing, the hounds being followed on foot. Such men were "Bush Billy", "Binny Booth", and Tommy Page-the "Father of the Hunt". There were other more sophisticated packs, such as Sir Charles Turner's and Mr. Wm. Chaloner's, but the Roxby was always the farmer's pack. Later on we come to the formation of the Roxby and Cleveland Hounds in 1817, and the three generations of the Andrew family, who kept the Hunt going, the last of the family, Tom, dving of a seizure in the hunting field in 1870. Other notable names at this period were Vansittart, Parrington, Dixon, and Petch. In 1871, the hounds were kennelled for the first time in their history, by Mr. J. T. Wharton at Skelton Castle. Following him came Mr. Newcomen and Mr. J. Proud, an eccentric sportsman who not infrequently would appear in a scarlet coat and bowler hat—but a sportsman none the less. During his time the kennels were at Yearby.

The name of Colonel W. H. A. Wharton deserves to be written in letters of gold. Here was a great Master, one of the greatest in Yorkshire, and certainly the greatest Master the Cleveland has ever known. Thirty-three seasons he ruled the country, and during this time, the hounds being kennelled at Skelton, he made his name, among other things, as a great hound breeder. Colonel Wharton's hounds were his own property, and when he gave up in 1919 he left in kennel what was undoubtedly one of the best bred packs in Yorkshire, not merely as individual hounds, but

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For twenty-eight seasons Colonel Wharton hunted hounds himself, and there was no more popular Master. When he gave

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up he lent his hounds to his successor, Captain Ramsden, and the Hunt built the kennels at Tocketts.

Even after his resignation in 1919, Colonel Wharton was always prepared to come forward whenever the Hunt was in difficulties, and in fact did so on two occasions, till his death in 1938. The last occasion was in partnership with his daughter, Mrs. Ringrose-Wharton, and when she and her husband, Captain Ringrose-Wharton, R.N., terminated their joint Mastership in 1942, she gave the hounds to the country.

During the years of the War it seemed likely that the Cleveland Hunt might succumb, and indeed might well have done so, had it not been for the Cleveland farmers, who formed a Special Committee, which included those two stalwarts, Mr. T. S. Petch, father of the present Master, and Mr. Bradley. It was they who took hounds out, with the smallest of fields, rounded up reluctant

subscribers, and kept the flag of foxhunting flying.

And this brings us to the present Mastership, that of Major Leslie Petch, who, having already been hunting hounds for the Committee, took the reins of office in 1946. To say that he is the right man in the right place is almost an understatement. The Petch's have been connected with the Cleveland since the very beginning, and foxhunting and racing is in their blood. Tribute must also be paid to Mr. H. G. Denning who handed over the Secretaryship to Miss Margaret Potts after fifteen years of service. Nor must I forget my old friend Bob Champion, whose uncle, Tom Champion, was whipper-in and kennel huntsman before him, and whose grandfather, Bridger Champion, was the famous Zetland huntsman half a century ago. The Champion family seems to produce an endless succession of huntservants, and like the rest of them, Bob is a "rare one to ride". He carries the horn whenever Major Petch is away. The hounds are a bit more "racey" than in Colonel Wharton's time, a certain amount of fell blood having been introduced. Apart from his ability in the field, Bob has "a way with him", and is a wonderful ambassador of foxhunting.

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These words were written fifty years ago. The motorcar had hardly been envisaged in those days as a universal means of transport; and even today there are many less remote and un-

spoilt countries than the Derwent.

For the student of history there is ample fodder for research into the early records of sport in Pickering Forest, which appears to have been a royal Chase till disafforested. For practical purposes our history begins in 1808, before which date the Sinnington may have hunted part of the Derwent country. In the year mentioned Mr. R. Johnson Hill got together a pack of hounds, and hunted the Derwent country, then known as "Mr. Hill's", for the next fifty years. He was then followed by his son, Mr. John Hill, who carried on till 1862. George Osbaldeston, who lived at Ebberston is said to have hunted part of the country in 1822, and in fact so claims in his autobiography. He was then recovering from the effects of a fall in Leicestershire, and may well have done so.

In 1862, the year of John Hill's resignation, Lord Penrhyn

bought Mr. Hill's hounds and lent them to the Duke of Grafton. It was left to Mr. Harcourt Johnstone (who became Lord Derwent) to get together a fresh pack, with which he hunted the Derwent country till 1881 being then succeeded by his son, Captain the Hon. F. Johnstone, who continued till 1900. Up to this point the pack had been in the possession either of a Hill or a Johnstone for ninety two years.

Sir Everard Cayley then took over, and the previous hounds having been sold, had to get together yet another pack. The Hill connection was maintained by Mr. Robin Hill, son of the former Master, becoming amateur huntsman, and for five seasons acting in the same capacity to the Sinnington. The new pack, chiefly Middleton drafts, were a great success, and showed

tremendous sport.

In 1905, we find the pack listed as "Mr. Sherbrooke's", that gentleman, who came from the Sinnington, having taken over the Mastership. It is notable that the Master had no guarantee, and that the minimum subscription was a modest fiver. The pack continued to be known by the name of the reigning Masters—Sir Hugo Fitzherbert (1907-8), Sir William Cooke (1908-9) and the Hon. Henry Vane. The latter, who was the eldest son of Lord Barnard, and had had the Galway Blazers for one season previously, did things well, keeping a pack of 45 couple, which he hunted himself, and giving the country three days a week, with Bert Thatcher as whipper-in. Major Vane was killed in the First War, meanwhile having lent his hounds to his successor, Mr. Illingworth, the Hunt now for the first time being known as the Derwent.

A run of comparatively short Masterships followed—Major Holliday (now York and Ainsty), Mr. C. S. Norton, for whom Mr. Robin Hill again hunted hounds, Major Gordon Foster, who hunted both the Sinnington and Derwent for two seasons, before handing over to Mr. S. S. Lockwood, who, when he retired in 1930, gave his hounds to the country. Lieut.-Colonel J. E. Munby, who came from the South Wold, was Master from 1930 to 1934, hunting hounds himself. Then came Lord Milton (eighth Earl Fitzwilliam). He, too, hunted hounds himself, with Len Harrison and G. Fitzpatrick as whippers-in. For the two seasons before the War Mr. Lenton Styring was Master with Mr. Arthur Webster and Mr. Lovel Danby as amateur huntsmen.

During the War the Committee took charge, with a nucleus pack. There were very few hunting days, the moors being used

for artillery practice.



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Lord Westbury, a Hon. Secretary of the Derwent

In the first post-war season Mr. Charles Chafer took over, and has remained as Master ever since, hunting hounds himself, much to the benefit of the country. Frank Turner, who came to the Derwent with Colonel Munby in 1930, is whipper-in and kennel-huntsman. Lord Westbury has been Hunt Secretary since 1954, being joined in 1955 by Mr. W. R. Wilson, who is also Point-to-Point Secretary. Brigadier the Viscount Downe is Chairman of the Hunt Committee.

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Farndale

Master & Huntsman: A Committee.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. Alfred Brown, Horn End Farm,

Farndale, Kirby Moorside, Yorks.

Huntsman: H. Wheldon.

Kennels: Farndale, Kirby Moorside.

Hunting Days: Tuesday and Saturday.

THE little Farndale country deserves a place of honour among the Yorkshire Hunts, for it is in a way unique. Not only are the small pack of nine couple still trencher-fed, but the Hunt has never had a Master in the accepted sense, always having been run by the farmers amongst themselves. Farndale, which runs parallel to Bilsdale, up to Westerdale in the Cleveland country, would probably be considered unrideable by a Leicestershire man. It has been described as "a country of heavy mists, of cold, bleak winds, of wide and boggy moors, and with but little low country; round the dale on all sides are the moors and hills". A country indeed where only the genuine and keen sportsmen could exist.

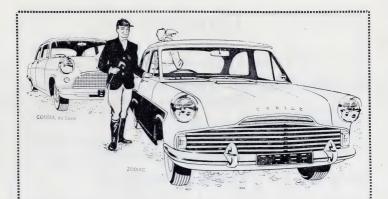
The Hunt dates from 1838, and at one time hounds hunted both fox and hare, but for many years have kept to fox only. At one time there was a tradition that hounds should be light

coloured, being more easily seen on the moors.

Mr. Walter Wilson was Hunt Secretary for many years, and R. Shaw hunted hounds for over thirty seasons, up to 1938. In that year Mr. H. Agar, a local farmer, took the horn and hunted hounds till 1959, the hounds being brought in overnight to his Hall Farm, he doing everything in connection with the Hunt.

Mr. Alfred Brown took over as Secretary when Mr. J. Watson-Mortimer resigned in 1950 and H. Wheldon became huntsman in 1959.

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Glaisdale

Master: A Committee.

Hon. Secretary: Miss O. Ostergard, Downe Cottage,

Glaisdale, Yorks.

Huntsman: J. Welford.

Whippers-in: Messrs. H. Raw and J. Tindall.

Kennels: Fryup Hall, Lealholm.

Hunting Days: Tuesday and Saturday.

THE Glaisdale Harriers were started as a private pack in 1877 by a Mr. George Brown, to hunt this hilly area of moorland, pasture, and plough, which lies in the Cleveland country. From the start the pack proved very popular among local sportsmen, and one or two days' foxhunting were enjoyed each season, by permission of Lord Downe and other owners and occupiers of land. No subscription was asked, the Master paying all expenses.

On the death of Mr. Brown in 1899 the hounds were carried on on the same lines by his son, Mr. Zacharia Brown, who, on his death in 1919, was succeeded by his son, Mr. William Brown. The hounds were harrier and beagle cross, and on the death of Mr. William Brown in 1947, were left to Mr. James Winspear, who had been whipper-in and huntsman to the pack for many seasons.

Under Mr. Winspear the old harrier-beagle type was eliminated, and fell blood was introduced, more attention being paid to fox than to hare. In 1952 the Glaisdale became a recognized pack of foxhounds.

The twelve couple of hounds are the property of the Committee, J. Welford carrying the horn and Miss O. Ostergard is Hunt Secretary, a post she has held for some little time.



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Goathland

Master & Huntsman: A Committee.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. W. Freeman, 11 Upgang Lane,

Whitby.

Whipper-in and

Kennel Huntsman: Tom Batterbee.

Kennels: Alumgarth Farm, Sleights.

Hunting Days: Tuesday and Friday.

THE Goathland country, which lies south of the Cleveland, with some unrideable moorland intervening, has little verifiable antecedents prior to 1860, though, like most of these moorland packs there is little doubt that the country was hunted in a rough-and-ready way a long time before that date. The first Masters of whom there are records are the Peirsons—Mr. Gowran Pierson, his son, John, and the latter's nephew, who between them hunted the country up to 1877, after which another "Goathlander", Mr. William Smith took over and lasted twenty-three seasons. Another gentleman of the same name then had a short term, followed by Mr. H. Wilson, who appears to have been Acting for the Committee. Up to about 1900 there was another farmers' pack, the Eskdaleside, hunting a tract of country between Egton and Whitby. When this was given up, most of the territory reverted to the Goathland.

The hounds—about nine couple in all—were of the fell type, and trencher-fed, with "Collecting kennels" at Goathland. Under Mr. Wilson, English foxhound blood was introduced, with a consequent change in type. The country was not too well foxed, but those foxes that were found were good, stout, wild ones. In 1911 the pack, now increased to about 20 couple, were

kennelled at Grosmont, under Mr. S. P. Gladstone.

Among subsequent Masterships, mostly of short duration, may be mentioned those of Sir John Renwick (afterwards of the Staintondale), Captain W. S. Medlicott, Major Gerald Gundry (now joint Master with the Duke of Beaufort), Major and Mrs. R. F. P. Monckton—Major Monckton having previously hunted the Albrighton country, and Mr. W. Ansell from the Atherstone—

all of whom must have added considerably to their foxhunting knowledge by their experiences in this rough and difficult country, with its boggy moors, woodland dales, and rocky

dingles.

During the War years the staff were all in the forces, and the hounds returned to the trencher-fed system, only a few couple being kept. In 1946 the fortunes of the Hunt were revived by Mr. J. P. Pyman and his brother, who kennelled the pack at Alumgarth Farm, Sleights. Mr. J. Pyman, who hunted hounds, with E. Smith whipping-in, carried on alone till 1954, when Mr. J. C. Pickering took over.

Mr. Pickering, who has large local interests, had, from all accounts, the important assets of energy and enthusiasm, besides possessing just the right personality. The result was that a lot was done by way of cutting rides and putting in bar-ways and hunting gates, making it easier to get about. He was interested in the breeding of the pack, and anxious to get the type—not necessarily fell—he considered most suitable to the country.

The Hunt is now in the hands of a Committee, Mrs. W. Freeman remaining as Hon. Secretary, and T. Batterbee as whipper-in. Tribute must be paid to Captain G. M. Puckrin, who was Hunt Secretary for twenty-five seasons, before Mrs. W. Freeman took over.

Holderness

Joint Masters: Lord Hotham, Dalton Hall, Dalton

Holme, Beverley, E. Yorks.,

Mr. R. A. Bethell, Rise Park, Hull. and Mr. H. Watson Hall, Scarborough Hall,

Beverley.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. G. C. Dixon, Benningholme Hall,

Skirlaugh, Hull.

Huntsman: H. Horbury.

Whipper-in: E. Johnson.

Kennels: Etton, Beverley.

Hunting Days: Tuesday and Saturday.

THE early history of the Holderness country has been fairly well incorporated in that of the Middleton in this Handbook. Although mention should be made of Sir Michael Wharton, who kept hounds at Beverley Parks early in the seventeenth

century.

The Druid, in Scott and Sebright, gives us a picture of the Wold country at the time of old Squire Draper. Beyond a few solitary elms and beeches there was hardly a tree to be seen, nor was there a fence or gate between Market Weighton and Beverley. The Wolds were covered with ling, and there was not enough covert to hide a goose, much less a travelling fox; barley was the only white crop, and the land mostly carried sheep. It was owing to the farmers' complaints that the wolf-like wold foxes were killing their lambs that Squire Draper formed his pack. A sportsman of the old school, he loved his port, his nightly toasts being "King and Constitution" and "All the Brushes in Christendom".

Mr. Henry Brewster Darley then took over most of Squire Draper's country, and the next important name is that of Mr. William Bethell, whose brother had married Dorothy Draper. Mr. Bethell hunted most of the Holderness country, with kennels at Bishop Burton. Great stories are told of his hard-riding huntsman Jack Robinson, who is credited with having jumped the Wansford Lock on the Driffield Canal, and other impossible



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places. As time went on Jack required more and more jumping

power, which proved his downfall.

In 1794, Mr. Bethell sold his hounds to Tatton Sykes, and the kennels were removed to Hull. In 1804, Sir Mark Sykes and Mr. Watt, who had been in partnership with Lord Feversham in the Middleton country, bought the latter hounds, and with kennels at Eddlethorpe, hunted the Holderness country, being joined by Mr. Digby Legard. Sir Mark and his brother eventually returned to the Middleton, and for a few seasons there were no hounds in Holderness.

In 1815, Mr. Digby Legard determined to revive the old "Bethell' country, and collected a pack from the best sources, which he kennelled at Etton. He did much to improve the country by planting gorse coverts, and Nailor, his huntsman, is said to have declared that the country carried such a scent that "you could hunt a fox with an old sow and a litter of pigs". Owing to ill-health Mr. Legard retired after six seasons. Eventually that very peripatetic Scottish Master, Mr. William Hay, bought Mr. Legard's hounds, and hunted the country for a season.

The Masterships of Tom Hodgson (1824-42) and Mr. James Hall (1847-77) were notable, but in very different ways. Hodgson, who had had a four seasons Mastership of the Badsworth, was impecunious, and received only a small guarantee-never more than £1,000 a year, for which the subscribers expected four days a week-and got it. The Master lived in modest quarters at the Rose and Crown, Beverley, where his hounds were kennelled. But despite the circumstances, he showed such sport as had never been seen before in Holderness, he and his whipper-in Will Danby being as hard as nails and as lean as rakes, living for nothing but foxhunting. One is inclined to think that Mr. Hodgson was done rather shabbily by the Holderness, for the Hunt became quite fashionable; the Holderness Hunt Club flourished at Beverley, and people came from miles round to hunt with Mr. Hodgson's hounds. For one season Mr. Hodgson was persuaded to try his hand in the Quorn country, but the pace, both across country and financially, were a bit too much for him, apart from seeing his hounds constantly over-ridden. On his return to the Holderness country, which had been kept warm for him by Robert Vyner, he was partnered for two seasons by Ned Carrington, but the magic seems to have departed; subscriptions fell off, and he gave up in 1842, being pensioned off with the appointment of Registrar to the East Riding. For the next four seasons the country was hunted by a Committee-Sir

Clifford Constable, Messrs Marmaduke Maxwell, E. H. Reynard, and James Hall. These gentlemen bought Mr. Hodgson's hounds, a beautifully bred pack, some of the bitches—Crazy amongst them—forming the foundation on which Lord Henry Bentinck was to build his kennel.

The Mastership of Mr. James Hall, who took over in 1847, was in direct contrast to that of Mr. Hodgson being marked by extreme opulence. We cannot do better than quote from *Fores' Guide* for 1850: "The Holderness establishment is of the first order, huntsman, both whippers-in, earth-stopper in scarlet, and

two second horsemen equally well appointed."

Mr. Hall had 50 couple of beautifully bred hounds in kennel. George Ash was his most successful huntsman. On his death in 1877 his stud fetched enormous prices at Tattersalls, and the hounds were sold to the Committee. The following season the country was hunted by the Hon. Alan Pennington, brother of Lord Muncaster.

Mr. Arthur Wilson, one of the original Trustees of the pack was yet another notable Master. At the outset he was diffident about his ability as M.F.H., but made a huge success of it, the farmers being among his staunchest supporters. No day proved too rough for him, and no distance too great, and his field were equally keen.

In 1908, Mr. Wilson was succeeded by Mr. Harry Whitworth, a very successful hound breeder. The Holderness bitches had a great reputation. Cheshire blood was introduced to a considerable

extent.

In 1915, Mr. Whitworth was succeded by Mr. Wilson's son, Major Clive Wilson, who saw the Hunt through the vicissitudes of the War, although absent a good deal of the time on military duties. After the War Captain J. Harrison Broadley had a six season Mastership, hunting hounds himself. The pack was again built up to fifty couple, having been reduced during the War years. Captain T. L. Wickham-Boynton, later Master of the Middleton East, was joint Hunt Secretary with Brigadier R. C. Chichester-Constable.

After a one season Mastership by Colonel Stracey-Clitherow, Major Newland Hillas became joint Master with Captain Adrian Bethell, descendant of Mr. William Bethell, the founder of the Hunt. Captain Bethell carried the horn himself, with Ted Short as first whipper-in. From 1932 to 1936, Mr. H. Hall hunted the Wold side with the bitch pack, kennelled at Etton, the Holderness side still being hunted by Major Hillas and Captain

Bethell from the Rise Park kennels. Mr. Hall was succeeded for one season by the Duke of Norfolk, after which the country was re-united under a Committee, with Mr. Hall as Acting Master,

all hounds being again kennelled at Etton.

During the War hunting was in abeyance, but a nucleus pack was kept. The Hunt came back to active life in the first post-war season, the Committee of which Colonel P. Langdale was Chairman, taking charge, Brigadier Chichester-Constable, having returned from active service, resumed the role of Hon. Secretary, others concerned being Mr. E. V. Stephenson, amateur huntsman, and Mr. S. Stephenson, joint Secretary and whipper-in. In 1949, Major Hillas came back for two seasons, J. Orvis hunting hounds, sport having increased season by season after the War, with plenty of foxes everywhere.

1951 saw the commencement of the Joint Mastership of Lord Hotham and Mr. Anthony Bethell, son of Captain Adrian Bethell to whom we have already referred. Mr. Bethell had been joint Secretary the previous season with Colonel J. A. M. Phillips. These duties were now taken over by Mr. G. Clifford Dixon. H. Horbury, who came from the Worcester, was put on as huntsman, with E. Johnson as whipper-in. Mr.

H. Watson Hall became a further Joint Master in 1961.

The Hunt is fortunate in having amongst its Masters members of two of the oldest Holderness families, which have been connected with the Hunt practically since the beginning. Needless to say, they have the farmers solidly behind them, and the country has never been in better heart. The 30 couple now in kennel at Etton continue to hunt in the old tradition.



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Opening Meet of the Hurworth with Miss M. Furness, M.F.H. (left)

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B. Ward.

Whipper-in:

J. Maclelland.

Kennels:

West Rounton, Northallerton.

Hunting Days:

Two days a week.

THE Hurworth, which lies south of the Cleveland, and adjoins the Zetland and Bedale on the west, was originally part of Lord Darlington's Raby country, and by no means the worst part of it. At the turn of the eighteenth century the brothers Wilkinson started a pack at Neasham, one of them hunting hounds, and another whipping-in. These hounds remained in the hands of the Wilkinson family till 1861 when Tommy Wilkinson resigned. Mr. Frank Coates carried the horn at one period and made a considerable name for himself. Mr. Thomas Parrington, later of the Sinnington, also carried the horn for a couple of seasons. Will Danby, to whom we have already alluded, was also with Mr. Wilkinson at one time. When expatiating on the merits of his hounds, he once exclaimed "They take such pains and have such pluck, they fairly lift your cap off with delight!"

Mr. J. Sawtry Cookson, who took over in 1861 divided his attention between foxhunting and the breeding of bloodstock, and was successful at both. The Neasham Stud produced such celebrities as Kettledrum, Regalia, Dundee, Formosa, and others of like renown. In 1865 he was followed by yet another racing man, Major Elwon, owner of Plaudit, who hunted the country in great style for four seasons, after which Mr. Cookson had yet

another go.

The hard riding Lord Castlereagh (Lord Londonderry) and Major Godman also had terms of office, and Mr. Cookson came back for a third time. From 1884 to 1886, Mr. W. H. A. Wharton,

afterwards a great Master of the Cleveland, hunted the Hurworth

country, and then came Sir Reginald Graham.

The twenty-three year Mastership of Mr. William Forbes was a notable one. Mr. Forbes had had a very successful Mastership of the Kildare, where his colours had often been borne successfully at Punchestown. With a guarantee of £400 he did the Hurworth country extremely well, and with 45 couple in kennel at Hurworth, gave his followers three days a week. Frank Bishopp was his huntsman.

The Mastership of Lord Southampton that followed was of equal note. He had already hunted the Kilkenny, Grafton, and Woodland Pytchley, and eventually went to the South Durham. During his thirteen seasons with the Hurworth he hunted hounds himself, and had Fred Holland as first whipper-in and kennel huntsman. After him came Mr. H. Dorrington, son-in-law of Colonel Godman, and then Lieut.-Colonel R. G. S. Gordon, who came from the South Dorset. The kennels were now moved to West Rounton, near Northallerton, where hounds have since remained.

This brings us to the present Mastership, that of Miss Mary Furness, who is now in her twenty-sixth season as Master of the Hurworth. On taking over in 1936, Miss Furness promoted E. Littleworth, who had been with the Hunt since 1928, to huntsman. Littleworth carried the Hurworth horn for eleven seasons, and showed grand sport. In 1947 he retired, but still lives in the Hurworth country. His successor is B. Ward who came to the Hurworth in 1937 as second whipper-in. Shortly after the War Miss Furness had Mr. F. W. Furness as joint Master, but since 1955 she has carried on single-handed as before. Major G. Parkinson, has been Hunt Secretary for sixteen seasons, so the Hurworth country may be considered as well settled in its ways, and consequently in good heart.

As a hound breeder Miss Furness has exhibited a great flair, and thanks to her long tenure has succeeded in establishing a very level and sorty pack, which is definitely outstanding. It is interesting to note how staunch she has been to Brocklesby, and with what success. Her successful use of Brocklesby Weaver, for example—a hound who has had a tremendous influence on his

own kennel—has been outstanding.

Middleton and Middleton East

Joint Masters: Lord Halifax, Great Givendale, Pockling-

ton, Yorks.,

Miss Ann Brotherton, Kirkham Abbey,

York, and

Mr. W. D. Pinkney, Eastlands, Tibthorpe,

Driffield.

Hon. Secretaries: Mr. E. C. Dee, 33 Beverley Road,

Driffield, and

Brigadier I. Watson, Bossall Hall, Barton-

le-Willows, York.

Huntsmen: Lord Halifax and Dennis Sturgeon.

Whippers-in: Dennis Sturgeon and G. Ragg.

Kennels: Birdsall, Malton.

Hunting Days: Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Satur-

day.

THE history of foxhunting in the East Riding probably contains more famous names than are found in any other part of Yorkshire. And as regards hounds, the influence of the Middleton kennel on the Foxhound Kennel Stud Book has been commensurate with that of Brocklesby, Belvoir, or Badminton, ranking with them as the source of the best hunting blood.

The early history of foxhunting in the Middleton country is closely bound up with that of the adjoining Holderness, and in fact the two were hardly separate countries. As far back as 1726, Squire Draper of Beswick formed a pack with the help of Sir Mark Constable. Having but £600 a year, and eleven sons and three daughters, he was necessarily frugal in his habits. Nevertheless, his hounds had a great reputation for the sport they showed over the wild, uncultivated wolds, which were "worth 2s. 6d. an acre and hard work to pay at that".

Another name that crops up about this time is that of Sir Thomas Gascoigne who is also mentioned in connection with the Bramham Moor. During the 1780's Lord Maxborough, Mr. Bumper Saville and Sir Walter Vavasour all hunted the wolds, and the Duke of Devonshire kept a pack at Londesborough. At

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this time the East Yorkshire Hunt Club was formed at Driffield. In 1788 a triumvirate consisting of Lord Carlisle, Mr. Compton, and Mr. Willoughby (afterwards Lord Middleton) were hunting the Middleton country, the hounds being kennelled at Castle Howard. Mr. Darley, of Darley Arabian fame, had previously kept hounds at Aldby Park, and these he sold to Earl Spencer. In 1799 the whole of the East Riding was hunted by Mr.

Duncombe (later Lord Feversham) from Fangfoss.

From this somewhat tangled skein we emerge in 1804, for in that year the Sykes of Sledmere make their appearance on the scene. In that year Sir Mark Masterman Sykes, and his brother Mr. Tatton Sykes, bought Lord Feversham's hounds and established kennels at Eddlethorpe. Two years later there was a Committee consisting of Sir Mark Sykes, Mr. Watt, and Mr. Digby Legard, the pack being known as the Confederate Hounds. They hunted an enormous territory from Coxwold to Spurn Point, including a lot of York and Ainsty country, who acceded to the western side when that Hunt was formed in 1815. Mr. Legard then took over the Holderness side, and Sir Mark continued to hunt the Middleton country till his death in 1823.

Sir Tatton Sykes then took over, and hunted the country for the next fifty years. No greater Yorkshire sportsman ever lived. Foxhunting, agriculture, bloodstock breeding, and racing formed his whole life. The two Carters, father and son, were his huntsmen. The foundation of his kennel was the Warwickshire Trojan blood, and when Lord Middleton gave up the Warwickshire in 1832 he made a further present of ten couple. Lord Middleton purchased the Sykes hounds in 1832 and hunted the country from Birdsall for two seasons, after which Sir Tatton repurchased the pack. At the age of 78 Sir Tatton never missed a day, hacking on to covert, and holding his place with men half his age when hounds were running hard over the wolds. He gave up his hounds in 1853, and died ten years later at the age of 91.

On Sir Tatton's resignation the Hon. H. Willoughby bought the hounds and built the Birdsall kennels, and for the next seventy years the hounds were known as Lord Middleton's, under the eighth and ninth Barons. It was the eighth Baron who laid the foundations of a pack that were to become famous under his successor, breeding consistently to Milton and Bentinck. He himself was a fine amateur huntsman, quiet in his handling of hounds, quick in his decisions, with a beautiful voice and note on the horn. The Birdsall kennels were a model in their lay-out, and were the prototype for many other establishments.



Photograph by Massers' Studio, Malton
The Middleton and Middleton East Hunt meet at Scampston—Miss Ann
Brotherton, M.F.H.

Lord Middleton died in 1877, and was succeeded by his son, the ninth Baron, whose Mastership lasted forty-three seasons. It was the latter's genius as a hound breeder that put the Birdsall kennel right in the front rank. Owing to an old injury, Lord Middleton was never able to hunt hounds himself, and could in fact do little more than ride out on his cob to see them draw. His two brothers acted as Field Masters, but it was Lord Middleton himself who attended to every detail of the Hunt, and who did the hound breeding. The Hunt staff were always beautifully mounted on horses of his lordship's own breeding. His huntsmen were, in succession, Will Burton, Will Grant, and George Leaf from the Pytchley. In 1907, Leaf went to the

Quorn in place of Tom Bishop, who came to Birdsall.

Lord Middleton died in 1921, and the Hunt thenceforward has been known as the Middleton. Lord Grimthorpe and Lieut.-Colonel Malcolm Borwick now took the joint Mastership, the latter hunting the East side with a separate pack. From 1923 to 1925, Lord Grimthorpe hunted the East side with amateur assistance, after which Captain T. L. Wickham-Boynton hunted this side of the country with 20 couple from the Birdsall kennel. Mr. R. W. Lund continued as Hunt Secretary for the whole area, till succeeded by Colonel A. E. J. Wilson. In 1934 the Middleton East became a separate Hunt, with Captain Wickham-Boynton as Master, Mr. Adrian Scrope as Chairman, and Mr. Eric C. Dee as Secretary. Kennels were provided by Sir Richard Sykes at Sledmere. Meanwhile Lord Grimthorpe resigned temporarily from the joint Mastership, Colonel Borwick continuing to hunt the Middleton country four days a week, till his resignation in 1931. There were few men who knew more about hound breeding, and the results of his work at Birdsall were—and still are—there for all to see. It may be said that under his management the hounds attained their zenith, and on leaving the country for the Pytchley, he left behind him a beautifully bred pack. All the old Middleton lines had been resuscitated, while skilful use was made of such outside sires as the Cleveland Ranger and South and West Wilts Godfrey.

In 1932 there began the popular and successful joint Mastership of Lord Halifax and Lord Grimthorpe. The latter hunted the dog-hounds two days a week, while the professional hunted the bitch pack on the other two. Lord Halifax, though much involved with his public duties, did great work in the southern end of the country, looking after the farmers and getting down the wire, while Lord Grimthorpe worked up the Friday and

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Monday country, having much assistance from Colonel Deakin and others.

Meanwhile, in the East country Captain Wickham-Boynton was joined in the Mastership by Sir Richard Sykes, who, however, went on active service on the outbreak of War. Captain Wickham-Boynton died in November 1942, at the age of 72; thus passed a great sportsman, active to the last in the cause of foxhunting, and one of the great bloodstock breeders of his time, at his Burton Agnes Stud. Mrs. Wickham-Boynton then carried

on as Master till her death in 1947.

In 1943 the Sledmere kennels were required for agricultural purposes, and Langtoft Mill was purchased with money subscribed by farmers. It had been arranged that Major T. H. J. Gillam should undertake the Mastership following the death of Mrs. Wickham-Boynton, but he was killed in an accident before the season started. His place was taken by Miss Cynthia Gillam (Mrs. Murray Wells), with Fred Pavitt as huntsman. In 1949, Mr. E. W. Wrigley, succeeded Miss Gillam, and continued as Master till the country was reunited in 1953 under its present title of the Middleton and Middleton East.

Meanwhile, to return to the Middleton country, Lord Halifax, on becoming Foreign Secretary in 1938, retired from the joint

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Mastership, his place being taken by his son, the Hon. Charles Wood, now Lord Irwin. On the outbreak of War both joint Masters rejoined their Regiments, and a Committee under Colonel A. J. Wilson took charge. Joe Wright hunting hounds,

and the pack being reduced to about 25 couple.

At the conclusion of hostilities Lord Halifax and Lord Irwin resumed their joint Mastership. When the two sides of the country were reunited in 1953, Mr. Wrigley came in as third Master of the Middleton and Middleton East. Lord Irwin made a tremendous success of hunting hounds in the Wednesday and Saturday country, and D. Sturgeon hunted hounds on Mondays and Fridays. Mr. W. D. Pinkey came in as fourth joint Master in 1958, but at the end of the 1959-60 season, both Lord Irwin and Mr. Wrigley retired from the Mastership and Miss Ann Brotherton joined Lord Halifax and Mr. Pinkney. Lord Halifax and Dennis Sturgeon hunt the hounds. Mr. Eric Dee continues as Hunt Secretary on the Wold side, while Brigadier I. Watson acts in a similar capacity on the Malton side. All hounds are once more kennelled at Birdsall.

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Kennels: Farfields, Lockton.

Hunting Days: Wednesday and Saturday.

IN 1939 part of the northern end of the Derwent country, round Saltersgate, was loaned to Captain W. S. Medlicott, who formed a small pack to hunt these wild and lonely moorlands. The venture was in the hands of a farmers' Committee, one of whom, Mr. Mackley, hunted hounds. Captain Medlicott acted as Field Master, and Hunt Secretary. In 1947, Captain Medlicott left the district, his place being taken by Mr. and Mrs. Paine. In 1954 the joint Mastership was taken by Major Dimmock, and Mr. W. Hesling. For the season 1956-57, Mr. Hesling was joined by Miss Angela Wilson.

Under Mr. Hesling the Hunt underwent a great transformation. Durham Ox House at Lockton, was purchased, and the outbuildings converted into kennels and stabling. The pack was drastically drafted, and strengthened by some unentered hounds from the Middleton, who, I understand have proved their worth. Mr. Hesling hunted hounds himself, and contrived to show very good sport in this wild bit of country, which, in addition to the moors, includes a good deal of rough forest land. Mr.

John Pearson was Hunt Secretary at this time.

Mr. Hesling retired from the Mastership in 1959 and was succeeded by Mr. B. D. N. Tate, who was joint Master and huntsman to the North Kilkenny. Mr. Tate hunted hounds and Charles Baxter acted as kennel huntsman and first whipper-in.

The Hunt is now in the hands of a Committee, while Mr. F. W. Stead has taken over from Mr. J. Pearson as Secretary.



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Kennel Huntsman: C. Lander.

2nd Whipper-in C. Burton.

Kennels: Kirby Moorside.

Hunting Days: Monday and Thursday.

THE Sinnington is fortunate in possessing one of the best bits of hunting country, in the Sinnington Vale from which the Hunt takes its name. This is a grand stretch of open country that rides well and carries a scent, and where foxhunting can be seen at its best. There are also moorlands and woodlands, and the great thing about it is that the Sinnington country remains completely rural and unspoilt.

In the earlier days of Sinnington history the Sinnington were essentially a farmers' pack, trencher-fed, and run on rather rough and ready lines. About 1700 the farmers formed a Hunt Club, and it was the Club that kept the Hunt going, for they generally had to find the money, and usually had not got much to spend.

On occasion the Sinnington farmers were able to afford a paid huntsman. He got about £50 a year, out of which he had to find his own horses. But though often in difficulties, the Hunt had many good friends, and had a stroke of luck when, in 1805, Mr. Charles Duncombe took the Mastership for four seasons. The Kendalls were always great supporters of the Hunt, and Mr. John Kendall was one of the first Masters. About 1840, Messrs. John and William Kendall were Masters, and their nephew, Tom, was Master from 1864 to 1875.

Of the huntsmen in the early days, the first, Jimmy Gowland, became something of a legend. He hunted hounds for fifty years,

under different Masters, always insisting on riding blood mares, which he bought himself, unless he was given one by the farmers. A tough old character, and keen as a razor, though inclined to be jealous of others in the hunting field. Jack Parker, who was huntsman to Mr. John Kendall, was just such another. Rough and ready—no one could possibly say that either he or his hounds looked smart—he was a capital sportsman and "a nailer with a straight-necked fox in front of him over a boggy moor". When times were bad, Jack might only get about £15 a year, but he always managed to carry on.

A great change took place when Mr. Tom Parrington took over in 1879. Mr. Parrington was Lord Feversham's agent at Helmsley, and an out-and-out foxhunter. He did a lot to improve the country and planted new gorse coverts, bred up a fine pack of hounds, and knew just how a Hunt should be run. It was he who introduced the first York Show, and at his instigation the Peterborough Foxhound Show was started in the 'eighties of last century. Mention should here be made of Mr. Alfred Pearson, who was Hunt Secretary for fifty-five seasons, and was succeeded in

1932 by his nephew, Captain R. T. Pearson.

After Mr. Parrington came Mr. Robert Lesley. In 1891, Mr. Clayton Swann took the Mastership and built the kennels at Kirby Moorside, the hounds now being a kennelled pack

for the first time in their history.

The Hunt was fortunate, too, in its next Master, Mr. Penn Sherbrooke, a fine amateur huntsman, and very successful hound breeder. When Mr. Sherbrooke went to the Derwent in 1904, Lord Helmsley (afterwards second Earl of Feversham) took the hounds, much to everyone's satisfaction. He now bought the hounds from the Committee and gave them to the country, whose property they have since remained. Mr. Sherbrooke soon came back as joint Master with Lord Helmsley, and there were very happy times, till the First World War broke out in 1914. Two years later Lord Feversham was killed in action, and Mr. Sherbrooke died the same year. For the rest of the War the Hunt was kept going by Mr. Alfred Pearson.

Then, in 1919, Major Gordon Foster came to the Sinnington, and remained as Master, with one short break, till 1939. The present Lord Feversham came in as joint Master in 1930. There was no better judge of a horse or a hound than Major Foster, and under his management the Sinnington hounds became a really beautiful pack. As an amateur huntsman, too, he was first-rate, and showed as good sport as has ever been seen in the

Sinnington country. From 1924 to 1926 he combined the Derwent with the Sinnington, and hunted both countries, after

which the Derwent was taken over by Mr. Lockwood.

When War broke out in 1939, Lord Feversham went to the Middle East with the Yorkshire Hussars, afterwards commanding the 13-18th Hussars in Europe. Mr. David Gale held the Mastership till 1940, after which the Hunt was run on a war-time footing by the Committee, George Gulwell hunting hounds.

As soon as the War was over Lord Feversham, to everyone's joy, resumed the Mastership, and in 1950 the Countess of Feversham became joint Master. Lady Feversham is one of the most brilliant horsewomen in England, and it is a real pleasure

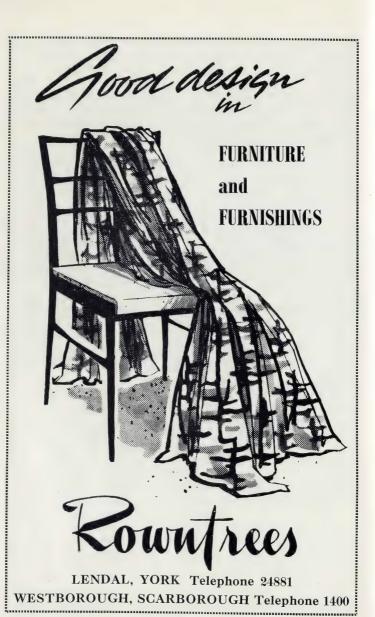
to see her sitting a horse side-saddle.

The Sinnington is indeed fortunate in its joint Masters, who take a tremendous interest in the running of the country and in the breeding of the hounds. The Sinnington are indeed a beautiful pack, and have been markedly successful in recent years at Peterborough and Harrogate. The kennel is full of Heythrop blood, introduced by Major Gordon Foster, and there is, of course, a lot of Middleton. Lord Feversham hunts hounds himself. Charlie Adcock was whipper-in and kennel huntsman from 1945 to 1957. His place has now been taken by C. Lander.

In 1956, Lord and Lady Feversham were joined in the Mastership by Major J. H. R. Shaw. Mr. Michael Foster, has been Hunt Secretary since 1950. He is the son of Major Gordon

Foster.

Major Shaw retired in 1961.



Staintondale

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Mr. F. K. Wrightson, Ellis Close Farm, Harwood Dale, near Scarborough.

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Kennels:

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Hunting Days:

Tuesday, Friday, byes.

THE Staintondale country, which extends inland from the coast in a narrow strip between Filey and Whitby, consists of a good deal of moorland, with narrow valleys and big woods running down to the cliffs and the sea. The foxes are stout customers and take a bit of killing, and the huntsman probably has the thought of the cliffs at the back of his mind when hounds

are driving on.

Most of these dale countries lay claim to hoary origins, but the Staintondale go one better than most by referring to a Charter granted by King Stephen—a document, however, which has never come to light. Leaving that to the antiquarians, the more obvious origin is that of a farmers' trencher-fed pack, and as such it was taken over in 1874 by Mr. C. Leadley, who more or less consolidated it during his twenty seasons Mastership, the good work being carried on by Mr. W. S. Tindall, and Mr. J. Knaggs. One of the local "characters" at this period was Tom Harrison, huntsman for many seasons, who, after a good hunt would make the nearest pub his next draw, where he would recount in detail the doings of his hounds—which, by the way were still trencherfed.

Following the departure of Mr. Knaggs in 1907, Sir William Austin took over for two seasons, and kennelled the pack at Hayburn, Wyke. There was now a succession of short Masterships, the most prominent names being those of Mr. Halliday Huggan, who had a long connection with the Hunt, and Sir H. D. Readett-Bayley, who for a time had the pack kennelled at his residence, Hunmanby Hall, which had formerly belonged

to a branch of the Osbaldeston family. Mr. C. N. de Courcey Parry (Dalesman) began his career as M.F.H. with a one season Mastership of the Stainton Dale in 1925-26. Mr. G. T. Unwin was then joint Secretary to the Committee with Mr. J. Oates, a former Master, after which Mr. Unwin was Master for eight seasons, partnered half of the time by Captain J. R. Renwick, who hunted hounds. Other names that occur in the pre-war period are those of Major J. S. Elwis, Mr. Brook Joynson and Mr. J. Delmege, both of whom went on to other packs. From 1940 to 1944 the hounds were divided into two trencher-fed packs, Mr. E. G. Readman hunting the northern end of the country, and Mr. T. Knagg hunting the southern end. Under the Acting Mastership of Mr. H. W. Good, M.R.C.V.S. In 1945 the country was reunited under Captain E. Watson, and the hounds kennelled at Stainton Farm. Two seasons later the Committee again took charge, with Mr. F. K. Wrightson, as Acting Master and Huntsman, this very successful regime continuing to the present time. Mrs. H. R. Baker has been Hunt Secretary since 1954.



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Hunting Days: Wednesday and Saturday.

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Hon. Secretary: Mr. A. Yates, Colton Lodge, Tadcaster.

Huntsman: S. Worthington.

Whipper-in: R. Simister.

Kennels: Acomb, York.

Hunting Days: Tuesday and Saturday.



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THE country, which for the past thirty years has been shared between two packs, and whose history is more fully dealt with in *Hunting in the West Riding*, is—regarded as a whole—an enormous tract of country, shaped rather like an hour-glass, and extending roughly from the rivers Swale and Ure in the north, with Sowerby, Boroughbridge and Ripon on the northern boundaries, to the river Derwent in the south. The country narrows to a "waist" in the centre, from York to Rufforth, suggesting a natural division of the country. The present boundary between the packs runs from a point a few miles east of Cattal, to Beningborough Hall, and the Kyle Beck, following the latter to Alne, thence to Easingwold and Crayke, part of this northeastern corner being loaned to the North by the South Pack.

In 1929, owing to the vastly increased expenses involved in hunting such a big country, and the difficulties of transport, the country was divided on its present basis into North and South packs. There still remained the one Hunt Committee, under the Chairmanship of Mr. Myles Stapleton, with Colonel H. Rhodes as Hunt Secretary—subscriptions being paid into a central fund,

enabling subscribers to hunt with either pack.

THE NORTH PACK

Mastership was now taken by Lord Mountgarret, who provided enlarged kennels at Nidd Hall. The Master hunted hounds himself, with C. Goodall as first whipper-in and kennel huntsman. H. Horbury succeeded Goodall in 1936, and Lord Mountgarret retired the following year. This brings us to the present Mastership, that of Major Lionel Holliday whose Mastership already extends to twenty-four seasons, much to the benefit of the Hunt. Major Holliday purchased the Copgrove estate, near Burton Leonard, where the hounds were now kennelled. The Master began hunting hounds himself, good sport being shown from the outset, and a useful pack bred, Badsworth and Grove blood being used. During the War, hunting was continued on a modest scale and the country was kept open. After the War a rapid recovery was made, and particularly good sport was shown in the high country. In 1951, Major Holliday gave up the horn to R. Carter, who came from the West Somerset, with E. Briggs as first whipper-in, and the Master's son, Mr. L. B. Holliday, acting as amateur whipper-in.

Colonel Rhodes has remained as Hunt Secretary since 1929, and also has acted as Point-to-Point Secretary at the combined meeting. To him is owed a good deal of the welfare of the Hunt.



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J. Sherwood was put on as huntsman in 1953, and was succeeded in 1958 by Tony Dale, who had previously been with the West Kent, North Northumberland, and Whaddon Chase.

In 1959, Mrs. H. J. H. Gillam joined Major Holliday in the Mastership and Mr. M. J. Naish became joint Secretary with Col. Rhodes. R. Napper and Mr. L. B. Holliday whip-into Tony Dale.

SOUTH PACK

On the division of the country, Mr. David Lycett Green took over the South side, adding his own hounds to those of the Committee kennelled at Acomb. Charles Littleworth was put on as huntsman, with Peter Durno and C. Huckvale as whippersin. Littleworth carried the horn for the next seventeen seasons, and to him must go much of the credit for the breeding of the pack. Colonel Thomas Preston took over the Secretaryship and remained till 1953, when he was succeeded by Mr. A. Yates. In 1934, Mr. Lycett Green handed over the Mastership to Mr. G. R. H. Smith, a well known figure in the country, who had been hunting with the York and Ainsty for the past eighteen seasons. George Windridge came to the York and Ainsty in 1934. The South country at this period was mostly grass, and there was very little wire.

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During the War the South country suffered somewhat severely from the establishment of a number of airfields, several famous coverts being destroyed in the process. Since then, however, the country has been able to return to normal, though much of the grassland has gone under the plough. Mr. Smith retired in 1946, being succeeded by Mr. T. K. Blackburn who remained five seasons, after which he received a presentation from members and farmers.

Commander D. C. Lycett Green and Mr. Smith returned to the Mastership in 1951, being joined by Colonel G. H. Aykroyd and Mr. A. Yates. Colonel Aykroyd has remained in office since that date, being joined in the Mastership in 1953 by Mr. E. Fawcett, when Mr. Smith retired and Mr. Yates became Hunt Secretary. Mr. E. Fawcett's place as joint Master was taken in 1955 by Commander D. C. Lycett Green, thus resuming his family connection with the Hunt. Mr. Smith rejoined Colonel Aykroyd and Commander Lycett Green in the Mastership for the 1960-61 season, and Colonel Aykroyd and Mr. Smith continue in office together, owing to Commander Lycett Green's death in 1960.

Mr. Yates, remains the Hunt Secretary, and S. Worthington became huntsman, on George Windridge's retirement in 1960.



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Huntsman: Captain Hon. C. MacAndrew.

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2nd Whipper-in: T. Cunningham.

Kennels: Aldborough St. John, Richmond.

Hunting Days: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

TRADITION has a way of projecting itself into the present, this being exemplified especially in the story of the Zetland. For not only is the country the hub of what was once the biggest hunting country ever hunted by one man, but Raby Castle, from which that Hunt took its name, remains its spiritual centre, and is still in the occupation of a member of the Vane family whose ancestor was the founder of the Raby Hunt, and who himself

has been Master of the Zetland for forty seasons.

This last fact is particularly pertinent. For Lord Barnard is now one of the most senior Master of Hounds in the Kingdom. Such regimes are becoming increasingly rare, and the Zetland may indeed count itselffortunate in this respect. The Huntis equally fortunate in its joint Master, Captain Hon. Colin MacAndrew, who in the past twelve seasons has shown not only unflagging enthusiasm, but a profound knowledge of his job. Captain Hon. MacAndrew's infectious zest for foxhunting, his attention to detail, and love of hounds are at once obvious to anyone who has met him. He is, in fact, the sort of Master who would make any country "go".

Photograph by Frank H. Meads, Hatfield Capt. Hon. C. MacAndrew, Joint Master, with the Zetland Hounds

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No Hunt today has a greater tradition behind it, nor can we find so short a list of Masters covering such a lengthy period of time—a fact which speaks for itself. While there is no record of when hunting began at Raby, there is plenty of evidence that there was a pack of hounds in the first half of the eighteenth century. Certainly the second Earl of Darlington (1726-1792) had one and hunted parts of what later became the Raby Country in both Durham and the West Riding of Yorkshire and it was this pack that his eldest son, William Harry, later to become third Earl of Darlington and Marquess and Duke of Cleveland, took over in 1787 and hunted for nearly all except the last few years of its existence till 1840. It seems too that William Harry had a pack which hunted hare and fox in the most unlikely places in the years of his minority before he went on the Grand Tour. Much that has been written about this Lord Darlington is grossly exaggerated or based on legend.

A perusal of his very complete hunting diaries, entitled "Operations of the Raby Pack", from 1787 to 1840 shows that at times he did indeed hunt a very large area, including in Durham and Northumberland, parts of the Braes of Derwent, the former North Durham, the South Durham and the Raby Country proper, and in Yorkshire, the Bedale, the Badsworth and what he termed the Borough Bridge Country, but these were never all hunted in one and the same season, sometimes only for one or two or in the case of the Badsworth, rather longer, but by far the greater part of his fifty-three seasons were spent in what is now the Zetland Country in Durham and Yorkshire, and the Bedale. For the years that he hunted the Badsworth he had his kennels at Bilham and for the Bedale at Newton House, near Leeming.

The whole establishment moved from one kennel to another for several weeks at a time and while there, activities were confined to that particular country and there were none elsewhere, so that the stories of the immense distances covered are for the

most part mere exaggeration.

All the same, it was a very notable achievement for one man to control as closely as he did and at the same time spend a not inconsiderable time in London when there was important business at the House of Lords—indeed he got his Dukedom for his part in the Reform Bill—and at Newmarket and elsewhere racing. He sold his hounds two years before his death, which took place at his London residence in St. James's Square, on 29th January, 1842.

Shortly after this the second Duke of Cleveland formed another pack, getting back as much as possible of the old Raby

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blood. He continued till 1861, when the hounds were sold, His Grace then giving a subscription of £500 apiece to the Durham Hounds, and the Hurworth.

This marks the end of the Raby Hounds, a pack that had made history. For the next few seasons the Raby country was hunted on odd days by the Hurworth and the Bedale, while the Hamsterley area was hunted by Mr. Surtees, with a scratch pack.

We now come to Mr. Cradock's Hounds, a pack formed in 1866 by Mr. Christopher Cradock, where the hounds were kennelled. Mr. Cradock hunted the country at his own expense for the next twenty seasons, and bred up a remarkably fine pack, with the assistance and advice of Lord Portsmouth, one of the foremost hound breeders of his day, and Mr. Billy Williamson of the Hurworth. Mr. Cradock's first huntsman was Dick Christian (not to be confused with the Leicestershire rough-rider of the same name). In 1870, Bridger Champion was put on, and carried the horn for the next forty seasons, being one of the classic huntsman of his day, and founder of a famous family of Hunt servants. In 1878 the Earl of Zetland, who was created first Marquis in 1892, bought Mr. Cradock's hounds, kennelled them at Aske, and began his famous Mastership, which was to last fifteen years, and gave the Hunt its present name. During his Mastership the hounds were known as Lord Zetland's. There is no more honoured name in Yorkshire sport. With Bridger Champion as his huntsman, and Tom Harrison whipping-in, magnificent sport was shown by a pack beautifully bred and perfected in their work.

Lord Zetland gave up his hounds in 1910, and it was then decided that the Hunt should be known in future as the Zetland, with a "Z" surmounted by a coronet on the Hunt button.

The Mastership of the Zetland Hunt was now taken by Mr. Herbert Straker, son-in-law of Mr. Cradock, and brother of Mr. John Coppin Straker, Master of the Tynedale. The new Master had hunted with Lord Zetland's all his life, and there was no better judge of horse or hound.

Will Freeman, brother of Frank of Pytchley fame, was put on as huntsman, and had George Gulliver and Bert Molyneux as whippers-in, both of them to make their name as huntsmen at a

later date.

The new kennels at Aldborough St. John were now built, and hounds moved from Aske in 1911. Major A. M. Whittaker became Hunt Secretary, and remained for many seasons. Mr. Straker continued breeding very much on the lines of his pre-

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decessor, but had a preference for a medium sized hound as the most suitable type for the country. Under his management the hounds and the sport shown maintained their reputation.

This brings us more or less to modern times, for in 1920, Lord Barnard, who had just married Mr. Straker's daughter, joined his

father-in-law in the Mastership of the Zetland.

Freeman now went as huntsman to the Grafton, and Bert Thatcher came from the Middleton in his place. He was a brother of Arthur Thatcher of Cottesmore and Fernie, a bold horseman and able huntsman. During his ten seasons he killed any number of foxes—59 brace in 1926-27. He retired in 1932

and was succeeded by George Samways.

Mr. Straker died in 1925, and Lord Barnard then continued single-handed till joined in 1937 by Captain H. A. Jaffray, who came from the Meynell, and had previously been joint Master and Huntsman of the Cotswold and Brocklesby. Captain Jaffray hunted hounds himself, bringing with him Jim Healey and Jack Telfer as whippers-in. Major Whittaker died in 1927, after which Mr. H. Fife took over for a time. In 1933, Major Philip Pease took over the Secretaryship, a position which he filled with conspicuous success for the next twenty-six seasons. No one knew the Zetland country better than he, and all its farmers, he having hunted there since boyhood.

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was put on as huntsman in 1945.

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